

SENATE JOINT RESOLUTION 1436

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A RESOLUTION to honor and congratulate Ruth Hanson on her receipt of the Governor's Volunteer Stars Award.

WHEREAS, it is fitting that the members of this General Assembly should specially recognize those estimable citizens who have dedicated their time and energies to helping others; and

WHEREAS, each year, 1.6 million Tennessee volunteers give over 137 million hours of community service, contributing \$3.3 billion to Tennessee's economy; and

WHEREAS, these volunteers are the backbone of our communities, and by donating their time and talents to fulfill needs that would otherwise go unmet, they embody the spirit of giving; and

WHEREAS, Ruth Hanson of Blount County is one such exemplary person, who has received the Governor's Volunteer Stars Award in recognition of her laudable commitment to her community; and

WHEREAS, Ms. Hanson is an AmeriCorps Senior, who serves at Blount County Community Action Agency; she has been a SMiles driver for six years, providing safe transportation for non-driving seniors to attend doctor appointments, go grocery shopping, and achieve other goals essential for health and social well-being; and

WHEREAS, since joining SMiles, Ms. Hanson has filled 1,249 requests and committed 885 hours of service; she helps her riders schedule their appointments and ensures they are scheduled with a SMiles driver; and

WHEREAS, an advocate for providing exceptional service, Ms. Hanson served on a team that built "safe-to-serve" kits for drivers, which contained personal protective equipment,

cleaning supplies, and safety tools; she also helped design and launch a CARES Act-supported grocery delivery service; and

WHEREAS, Ruth Hanson is a model citizen; her commitment to helping others through volunteerism epitomizes the spirit of the Volunteer State, and she should be specially recognized; now, therefore,

BE IT RESOLVED BY THE SENATE OF THE ONE HUNDRED TWELFTH GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF TENNESSEE, THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES CONCURRING, that we honor Ruth Hanson for her outstanding community leadership, congratulate her as an esteemed recipient of the Governor's Volunteer Stars Award, and extend to her our best wishes for every future success.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that an appropriate copy of this resolution be prepared for presentation with this final clause omitted from such copy and upon proper request made to the appropriate clerk, the language appearing immediately following the State seal appear without House or Senate designation.